(d) Commonly used, effective drugs used for control of blindness and Trachoma were recommended for Price Control under Category-I of the Drug Price Control Order, 1987. A Committee had been set up to review the listing of drugs under Catgory-I. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-88.

Use of Rifampicin for Control of TB and Leprosy

538. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin is used for control of TB and leprosy:

(b) whether it is a fact that TB and Leprosy are covered under National Heatlh Programmes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per policy announced in December, 1986, drugs needed for National Health Programmes would form category-I of price control; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry recommended for shifting Rifampicin for category-I to category-II

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Committee of Experts was constituted to review the list of drugs which figure under category-I of drug price control order, 1987 The proposal for re-categorisation of Rifampicin was considered by that Committee. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-1988.

Drugs banned by Maharashtra Government

539. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated 3rd November, 1988 under the heading 'Maharashtra bans seven drugs;

(b) if so, what are the names of the drugs found to be sub-standard along with the names of manufacturers;

(c) whether any penal action has been taken against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) A news item had appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated 3rd November, 1988 under the heading of Maharashtra bans seven drugs. Consequent to the Lentin Commission report, the Maharashtra Government is publishing the names of drugs which are reported not of standard quality and directs the manufacturers of these substandard drugs to stop its sale under the Drugs & Cosmetic Act.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed.

Statement

Name of Drug	Batch No.	Name of Manufacturer	Action taken
1	2	3	4
1. Dexamethazone Tablet IP	0109	M/s. Bekay Pharmaceuticals Taluja Dist: Raigarh Maharashtra.	Show-cause notice for suspension/cancellation of licence issued